SIAM

1883. – Permanent Issue.

1 Solot.

Enlargements shewing the differences distinguishing the two plates.

Plate 1.





Oval above the portrait with solid background.

The ornamental scroll-work above and to the left of the oval containing the portrait is traversed throughout by a central line. This line however tends to disappear from the lower part of the scroll in stamps from a late state of the plate.

There seems to be something more than mere chance variation separating the two plates of the value, in fact, different methods of preparing the plates hardly seems to account for it entirely.

Reference to the strip of "Die Proofs" on a previous page will show that the 1 Sio stamps corresponds in all details to Plate 1, while the other two values agree exactly with Plate 2. The extraordinary point is that while 1 Solot and 1 Sio stamps were issued as one would expect corresponding exactly with the proofs of these values, the issued 1 Att stamps always has the background of the value-oval solid, so that they differ from all the proofs in this respect.

Plate 2.





Oval with lined background.

The lower part of the scroll-work above and to the left of the portrait oval never shews a central line.

A third plate has recently been found (Plate 3) which agrees with Plate 2 in the above points, but can apparently always be distinguished by the colours. It also differs from Plate 2 in the absence of re-entries.